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Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2859
MONSKI et al.)
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT
UNDER
37 C.F.R. 1.121

Sir/Madam:

Applicants acknowledge that they have received an Office Action dated 20 April 2005, concerning the application for patent cited above. According to the Office Action, the application is deficient in the following respects:

- (1) The drawings are objected to due to minor informalities, for which the Examiner suggests corrective actions;
- (2) The disclosure is objected to due to minor informalities, for which the Examiner suggests corrective actions;
- (3) Claim 99 is objected to due to a minor informality, for which the Examiner suggests a corrective action;
- (4) Claims 99, 100, 109, 111-124, 133, 135-137, 139-146, 156, 158-160, 162-167 and 169-171 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,602,479 to Srinivasan et al. (hereinafter the ``479 patent"); and

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(5) Claims 101-108, 110, 125-132, 134, 138, 148-155, 157, 161, 168 and 172-173 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the `479 patent.

In this Response And Amendment, Applicants (i) amend the disclosure to overcome the objections pending against the drawings and/or the specification; (ii) amend claim 99 to overcome the objection thereto; (iii) amend all independent claims and certain dependent claims to more clearly recite the invention; and (iv) present arguments in support of their belief that all pending claims are patentable over the `479 patent. Applicants also submit herewith formal drawings to overcome all objections cited in the Office Action. Applicants therefore believe that all pending objections and rejections have been overcome.